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Motor Vehicles Tax

* 682 Q.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to revise the present Motor Vehicles tax in view of the recommendations of the All-India Road Transport Advisory Committee?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: No, Sir. I presume the member has in mind the recommendation made by the Transport Commissioner's Conference held at Mussorrie in October 1957. It recommended that a ceiling of 75 per cent of the total existing rates of tax in this State should be fixed for motor vehicles taxation. This Government did not agree to this.

* 683 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Electricity be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Union Government have suggested to the State Government the reduction of taxes on motor vehicles; and

(b) if so, the steps taken in the matter?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) No, Sir. I presume the member has in mind the recommendation made by the Transport Commissioners' Conference held at Mussoorie in October 1957. It recommended that a ceiling of 75 per cent of the total existing rates of tax in this State should be fixed for motor vehicles taxation. This Government did not accept this.

(b) Does not arise.

SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR: அப்பாடியானால் இந்த 75 தசமாணம் வரியைக் குறைக்க வேண்டுமென்ற சிபாரிசு எடுத்துக் கொள்ள வில்லையா? இன்னும் இந்தச் சிபாரிசு சர்க்கார் பரிசீலனையில் இருக்கிறதா?

MR. SPEAKER: “It is not accepted” என்று பதில் சொல்லப் பட்டிருக்கிறதே.

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: When the recommendations of the conference came to Government, they were examined and found unacceptable and we did say so. But the recommendations of the Transport Commissioners' conference went to another body, the Transport Advisory Committee and they have again forwarded the recommendations of that particular committee to our committee and we have received a report on that only recently. It is under examination by the Transport Commissioner.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Sir, may I know whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the motor vehicles tax in our State is standing in the way of expansion of road transport in our State and also whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the tax in our State is the highest in the whole world?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Sir, I can positively say that it does not stand in the way of expansion of road transport in our State.